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REMARKS

In the Final Office Action mailed April 5, 2004, the Examiner has maintained the previous rejection of Claims 1-4 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Claims 1, 2, and 3 are rejected over Claims 5, 12, and 19 of U.S. Patent 6,062,482 in view of Torimitsu. Claim 4 stands rejected over Claim 6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,176,436 in view of Torimitsu.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that a timely filed terminal disclaimer would overcome the nonstatutory double patenting rejection of the pending claims. Applicant hereby submits a terminal disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent Nos. 6,062,482 and 6,176,436. An assignment showing common ownership of the present application and both U.S. Patents has been submitted for recordation with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 22, 2005, and a copy of the assignment is attached.


Applicant respectfully submits that the submission of the terminal disclaimer places each of Claims 1-4 in condition for allowance, and requests the withdrawal of all pending rejections and the allowance of Claims 1-4.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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